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BUSINESSMAN AND DOCTOR SENTENCED IN NATURALIZATION SCHEME

PHILADELPHIA - Habeeb A. Malik, 60, of Broomall, PA, and Ira H. Weiner, 59, of Narberth, PA, were sentenced today to 50 months and 36 months, respectively, for their participation in a naturalization fraud scheme, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy. The two men, along with a third defendant, Thongchai Vorasingha, 73, of Wallingford, PA, were convicted at trial in July 2009, of conspiracy and 11 counts of naturalization fraud. Malik was also convicted of four counts of filing false tax returns that failed to report hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxable income. Vorasingha was sentenced yesterday to 24 months in prison. Weiner and Vorasingha are both physicians.

Malik owned The Foundation of Human Services in Broomall, Pennsylvania, which purported to assist foreign individuals in becoming naturalized United States citizens. He would refer clients to defendants Weiner and Vorasingha who would "examine" the clients and then complete INS waiver form N-648, falsely stating that the applicants suffered from various permanent maladies that impaired their ability to learn English. The alleged maladies included learning disorders, depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder resulting from the hostilities overseas, and/or mental retardation. The doctors knew that the applicants, in fact, did not suffer from any of these ailments and were not eligible for the waiver. Defendant Malik charged his clients approximately \$2,000 for this service and paid defendants Weiner and Vorasingha approximately \$120 for the "examinations."

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge R. Barclay Surrick ordered Malik to pay restitution in the amount of \$15,000; and ordered Weiner to pay \$10,000. Yesterday, the judge ordered Vorasingha to pay \$5,000.

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Internal Revenue Service, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael Bresnick and Richard Zack..

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